

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant's undersigned representative would like to thank the Examiner for the personal interview conducted on May 27, 2004 with the Examiner and his supervisor. As discussed in the interview, claims 1 and 6 have been amended to better distinguish from the prior art of record.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,415,573 to Chen et al. (hereinafter "Chen"). Claims 1 and 6 have been amended and for the following reasons, the rejection is now moot.

Regarding amended claim 1, Chen does not teach "a second *stationary* guide member having a taper face for guiding the printed circuit board toward the chassis in response to sliding the printed circuit board in the longitudinal direction," as required. Likewise, regarding amended claim 6, Chen does not teach "a second *stationary* guide member having a horizontal guide face and a second taper face," as required. Rather, Chen teaches a flexible latch arm (26 or 70) that are biased outwardly during the longitudinal insertion of a circuit board (16) and then "snap" back to engage the top surface of the circuit board (16) (see column 5, lines 18-26 and column 8, lines 10-19). Thus, the flexible latch arms (26, 70) of Chen are not *stationary* as in the claimed invention. Since every limitation of amended claims 1 and 6 is not taught by Chen, claims 1 and 6 are patentable over the prior art of record. Further, since claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, they are patentable over the prior art of record for the same reasons.

Claim 7 was added by the amendment submitted August 5, 2003. The Examiner has not previously acknowledge the existence of this claim. Since claim 7 depends from claim 6, it is patentable over the prior art of record for the same reasons as explained above.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a

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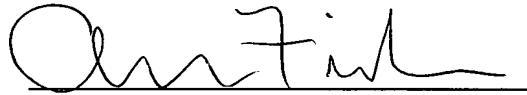
condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34207.

Respectfully submitted,

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